

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 14, 2001

IN RE:

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY
BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
TELE-SYS, INC. D/B/A ACCESS AMERICA TELEPHONE
CO. PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

DOCKET NO.
01-00839

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

The *Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996* came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at the November 6, 2001 Authority Conference. The original Interconnection Agreement was filed on May 23, 2001 and assigned Docket No. 01-00455. The Authority approved the Agreement at the July 10, 2001 Authority Conference. The Amendment was filed on September 26, 2001 and assigned Docket No. 01-00839 and came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252, the Directors unanimously approved the Amendment and made the following findings and conclusions:

- 1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

2) The Amendment is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s service area.

3) The Amendment is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.

4) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.

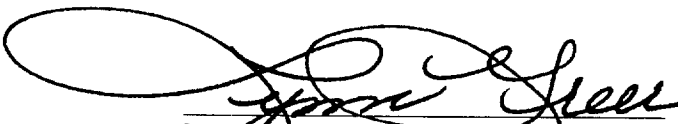
5) The Amendment satisfies the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

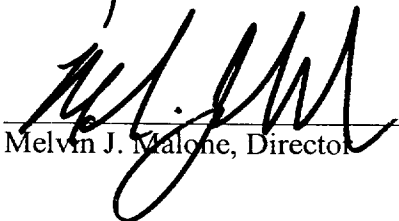
6) The Amendment is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


The Amendment negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Tele-Sys, Inc. d/b/a Access America Telephone Co. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary